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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

Docket No: Q67848

Yoshiharu ARUGA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/024,643

Group Art Unit: 2853

Confirmation No.: 2776

Examiner: Blaise L. Mouttet

Filed: December 21, 2001

For: **INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS, AND METHOD OF SUPPLYING INK TO SUB-TANK OF THE INK JET RECORDING APPARATUS**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 4, 2003 (July 4, 2003 being a Federal Holiday), please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 have been examined. Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), and claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Also, the Examiner has indicated that claim 5 contains allowable subject matter.

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over US 6,155,664 to Cook ("Cook").

Claims 1, 3 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Cook.